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Group Art Unit 2651 : PATENT APPLICATION
In re application of :
YUKIKO KUBOTA ET AL. : EXCHANGE DECOUPLED
Serial No. 10/032,721 : COBALT/NOBLE METAL
Filed December 27, 2001 : PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIA

LETTER

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

February 21, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

We are in receipt of the official filing receipt in the above-identified patent application.

Enclosed is a copy for your convenience.

In reviewing this original receipt, we note the following errors:

1. The filing date of October 27, 2001 is incorrect and should read --December 27, 2001--.
2. There are three (3) inventors and only two (2) are listed. The inventor "Mei-Ling Wu" should be added as the third applicant.

Enclosed is a copy of the page of the log book of Express Mail packages sent by Buchanan Ingersoll, P.C. which shows Express Mail Package No. EL768356770US addressed to

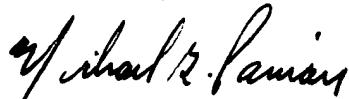
Assistant Commissioner for Patents was mailed December 27, 2001. Also enclosed is our Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" Under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 - Separate Paper, a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, Fee Transmittal for FY 2002, Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application Transmittal and a copy of the Declaration signed by three (3) inventors.

The enclosed documents show proof of the official filing date of December 27, 2001 and proof of the third applicant, Mei-Ling Wu.

It is respectfully requested that a corrected filing receipt be issued as quickly as possible and forwarded to the undersigned bearing the correct filing date and the name of the third applicant.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number listed below or contact my Legal Assistant, Angie Beyerl, at 412-562-1035.

Respectfully submitted,



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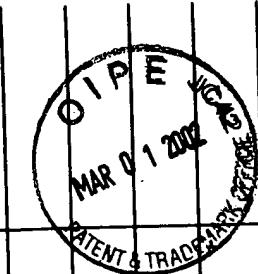
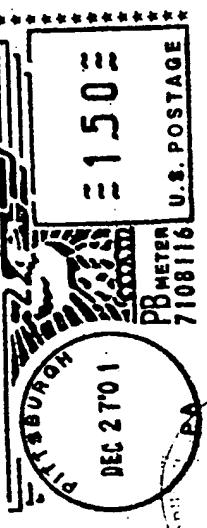
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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 100-951
First Inventor Kubota, t al.
Title Exchange Decoupled Cobalt/Noble Metal . . .
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 11]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]

a. Newly executed (original or copy)
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting Inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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(if applicable, all necessary)

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b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii. paper

Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35
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17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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 Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	740.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 740.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	19	-20** =	0	x	0.00	=	0.00	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	2	- 3** =	0	x	0.00	=	0.00		
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					

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